

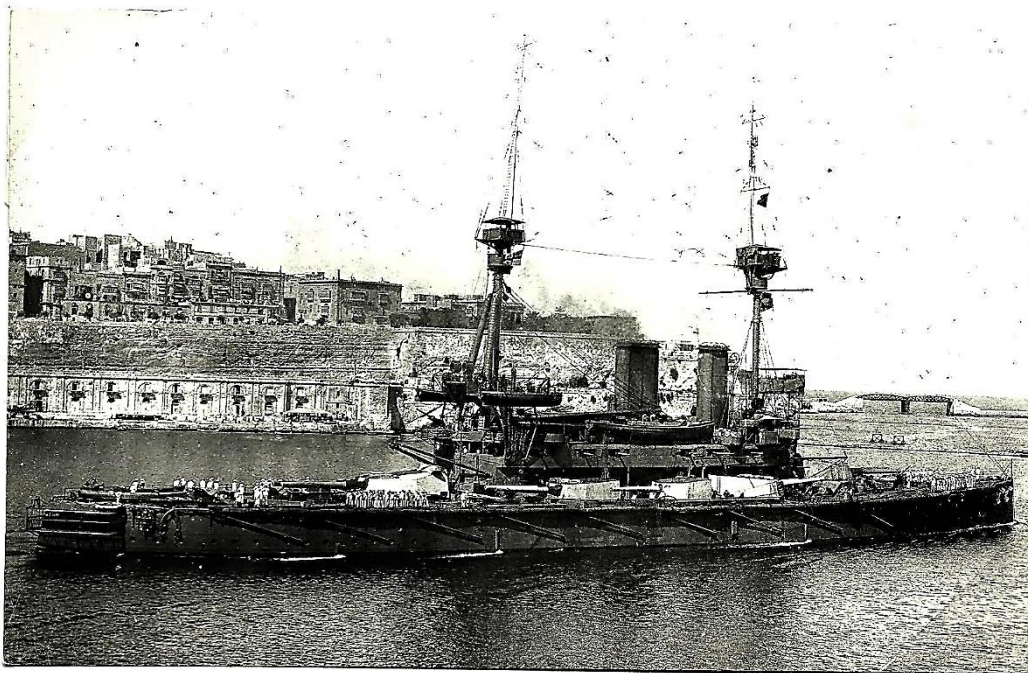
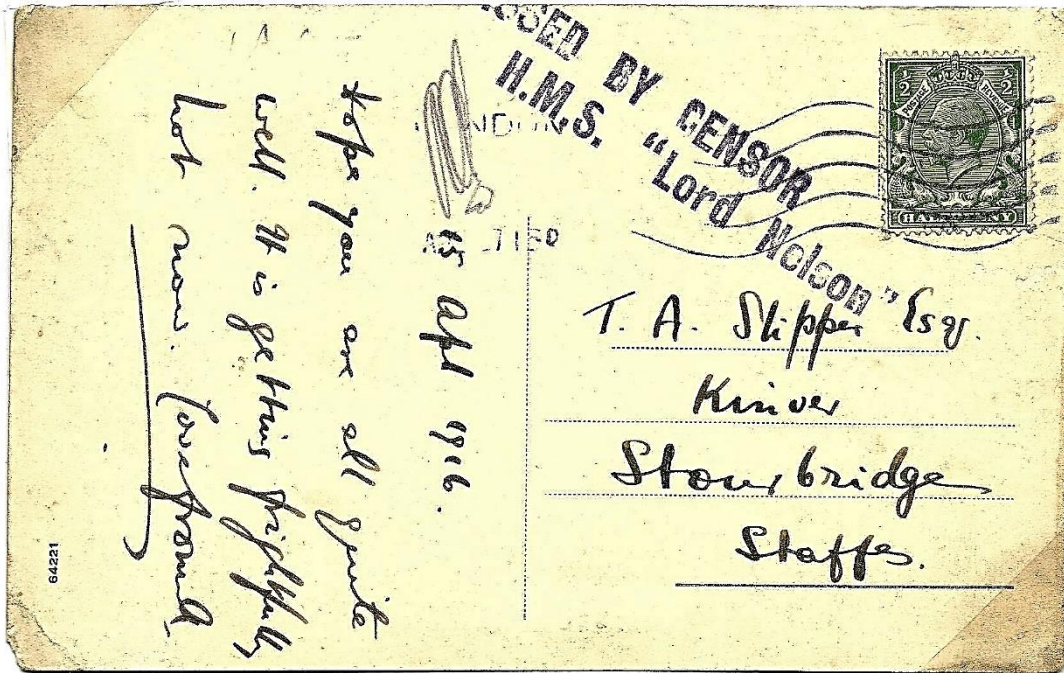
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H.M.S. LORD NELSON

H.M.S. LORD NELSON was a Lord Nelson-class pre-dreadnought battleship which sailed to the Mediterranean in 1915 to participate in the Dardanelles campaign as flagship of the Mediterranean squadron, Vice-Admiral Sir John de Robeck.

15 April 1916 Malta postcard, probably posted from Mudros, to Stourbridge, arriving London 27 April 1916.

Violet PASSED BY CENSOR/ H.M.S. "Lord Nelson" (Gould 1A65)

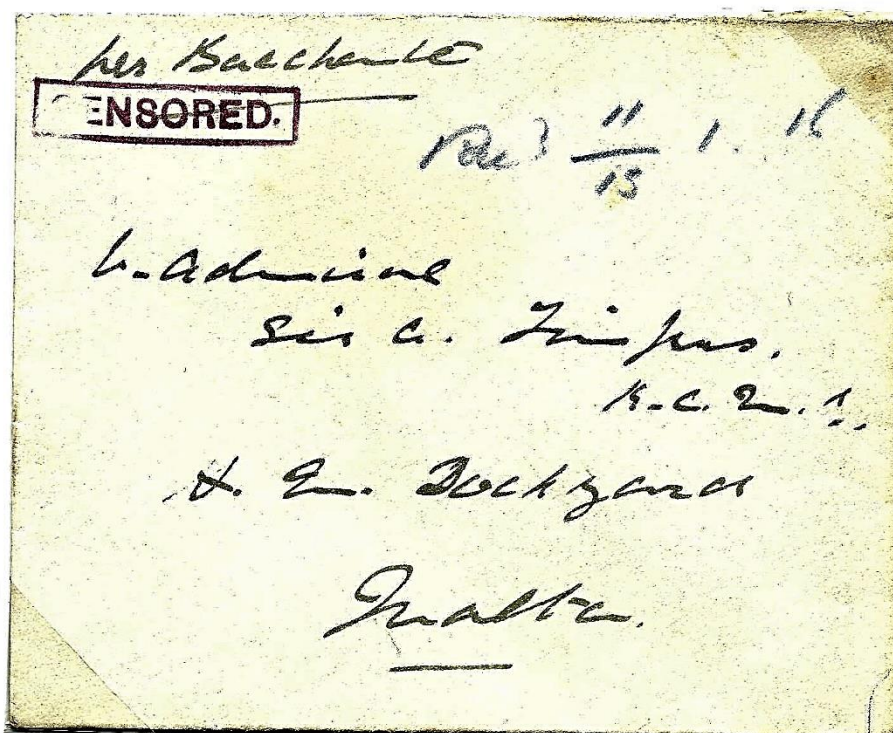


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H.M.S. LORD NELSON

January 1916 cover probably from Vice-Admiral Sir John de Robeck,
C-in-C, Mediterranean Fleet, from his flagship H.M.S. Lord Nelson at Mudros
to Vice-Admiral Arthur Limpus, Admiral Superintendent, Malta Dockyard.

Red boxed CENSORED (Gould 5A 127 Lord Nelson)



The cover was carried to Malta by H.M.S. BACCHANTE ,
which left Mudros on 9 January and reached Malta on 11 January.

It is believed that the letter to Limpus was congratulating him on his
promotion to Vice-Admiral and award of the K.C.M.G.
in the New Year Honours 1916.

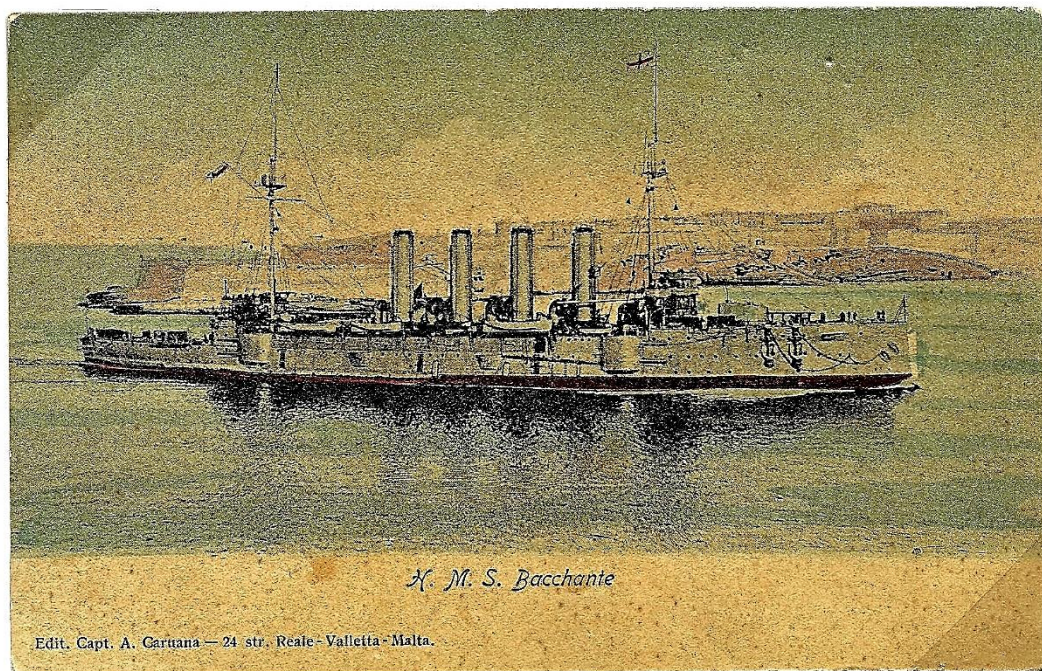
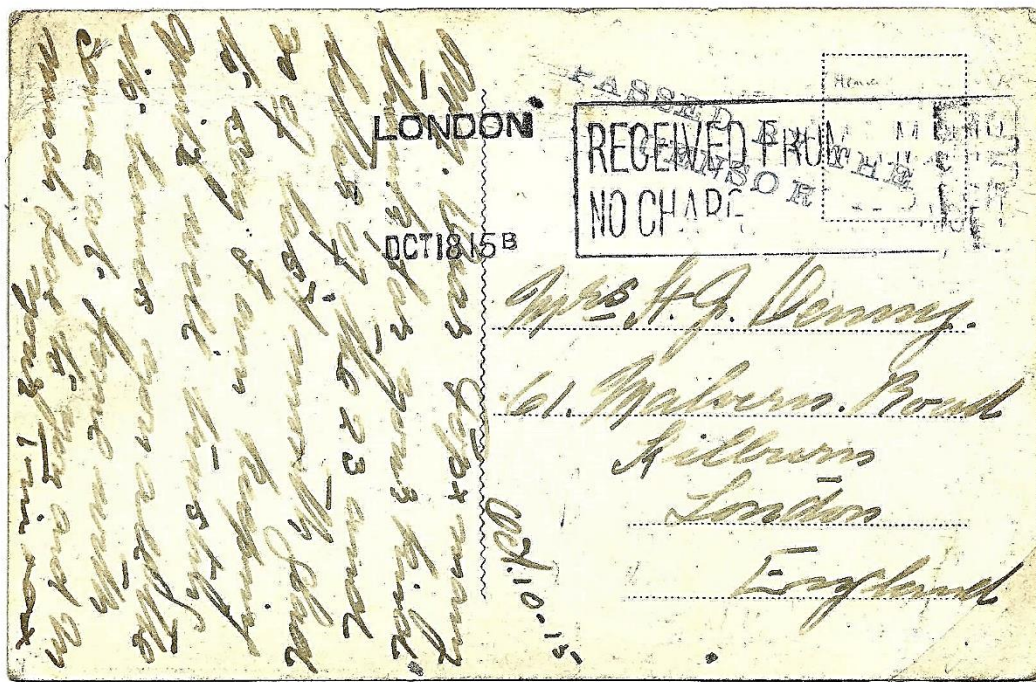
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H.M.S. BACCHANTE

H.M.S. BACCHANTE was a Cressy-class four funnelled armoured cruiser assigned to support Anzac troops with heavy gunfire during the Gallipoli campaign, including the landing at Anzac Cove.

10 October 1915 postcard from Malta to London, arriving 18 October.
Bacchante had arrived in Malta on 6 October for a refit.

Blue PASSED BY THE / CENSOR (Gould 4C 205)



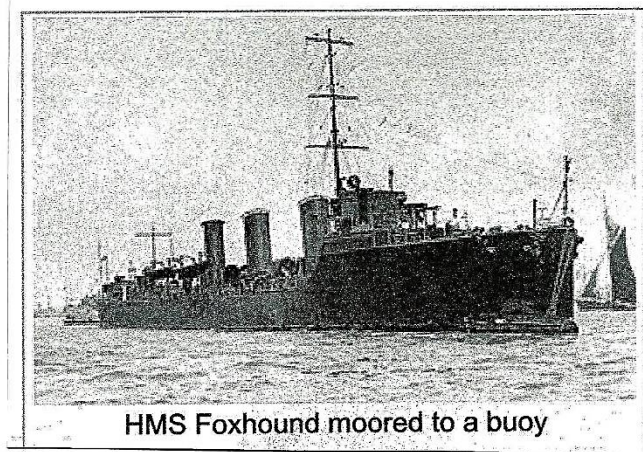
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H.M.S. FOXHOUND

H.M.S. FOXHOUND was a Beagle-class destroyer, a member of the 2nd Division of the 5th Flotilla which docked at Malta on 27th July 1914. She was based at Malta and carried out various duties in the Mediterranean including patrols in the Dardanelles and landing troops at Gallipoli.

15th August 1916 Malta postcard to Margate franked 1d. sent by the naval bag, arriving London on 28th August 1916.

Purple double circle CENSORED * in H.M.S. FOXHOUND (Gould 1A44)



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H.M. TRANSPORTS

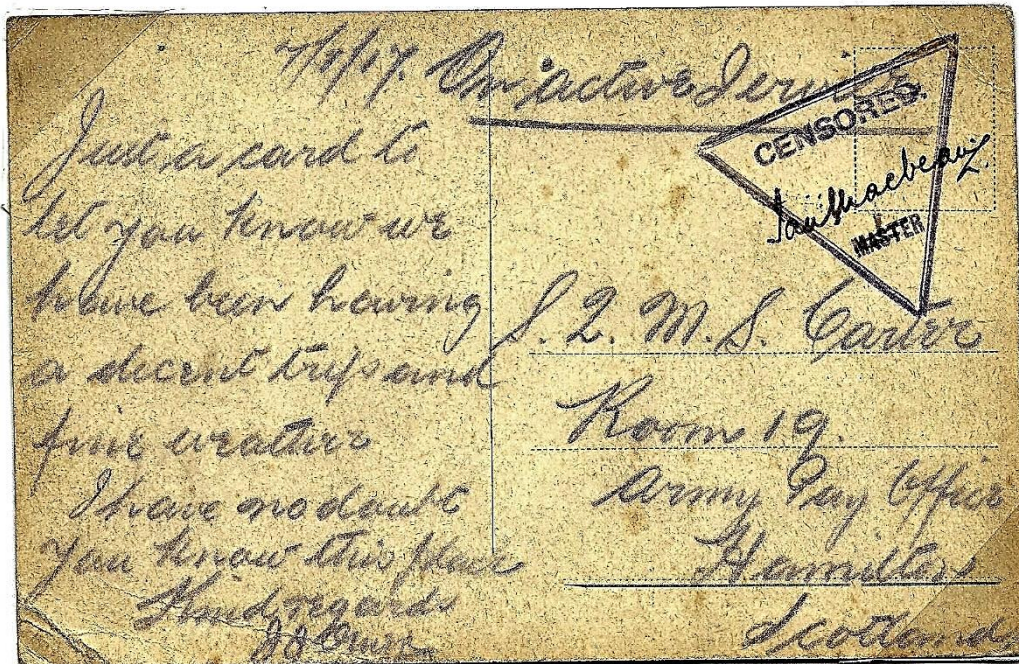
A violet triangular CENSORED MASTER handstamp was used on H.M.transports from 1916, but the merchant ships have so far not been identified.

4 August 1916 On active service cover from H.M.T.1086 from Malta to London with ARMY POST OFFICE SZ 7 of Malta and signed CENSORED MASTER.

The sender, Lt./Capt. A.W.D.Bentick, 5th Coldstream Guards, was part of a small detachment sent to join the Egyptian army, possibly on Staff Camel Corps duties.



7 January 1917 On active service postcard from Malta to Hamilton, Scotland, Violet triangular CENSORED MASTER (MASTER deleted) signed Ian Macbean.



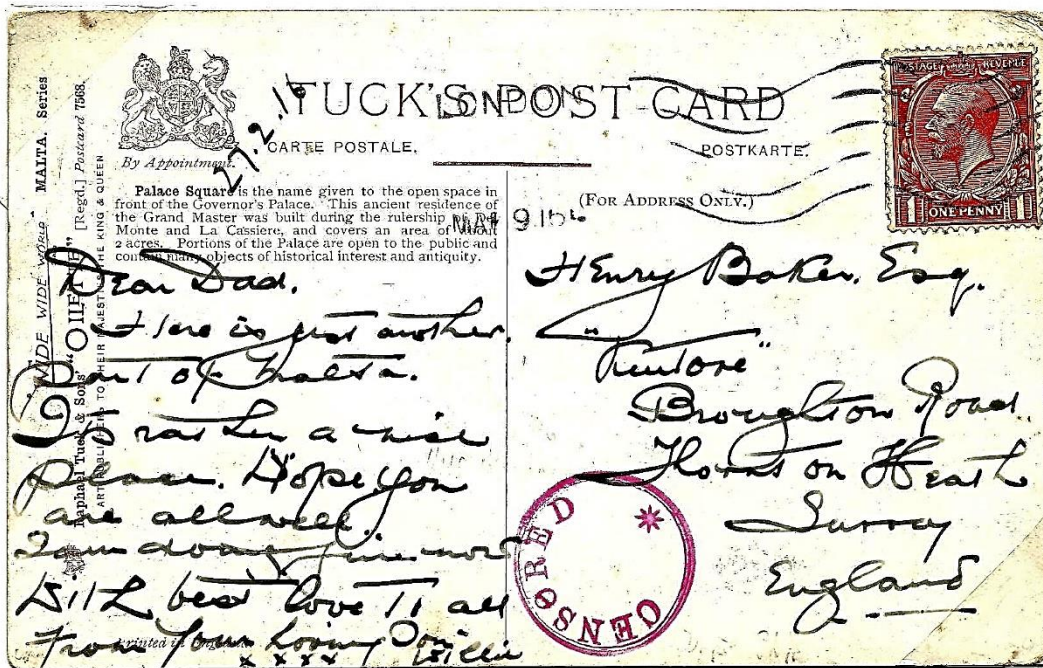
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H.M.S. BLENHEIM

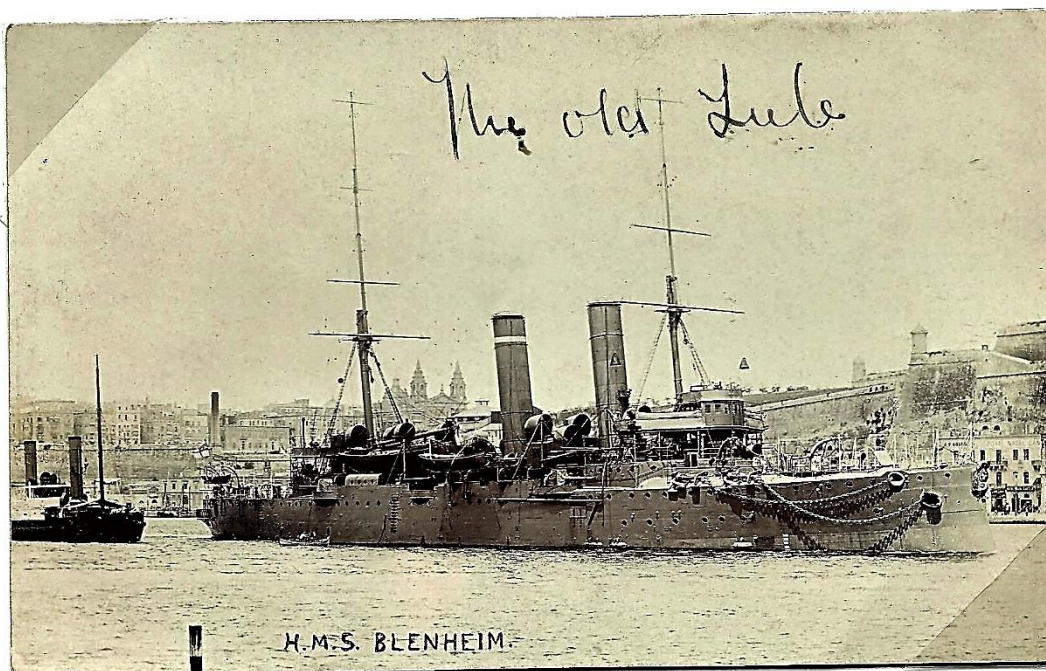
H.M.S. BLENHEIM was a Blake-class light cruiser which acted as the destroyer depot ship at MALTA from May 1908, but spent some time from March 1915 at MUDROS supporting the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force in the Gallipoli campaign.

27th February 1916 postcard from MALTA to SURREY
franked 1d. for Officer's mail.

Red CENSORED * in circle of H.M.S.BLENHEIM (Gould 6D 6)



H.M.S. BLENHEIM in GRAND HARBOUR



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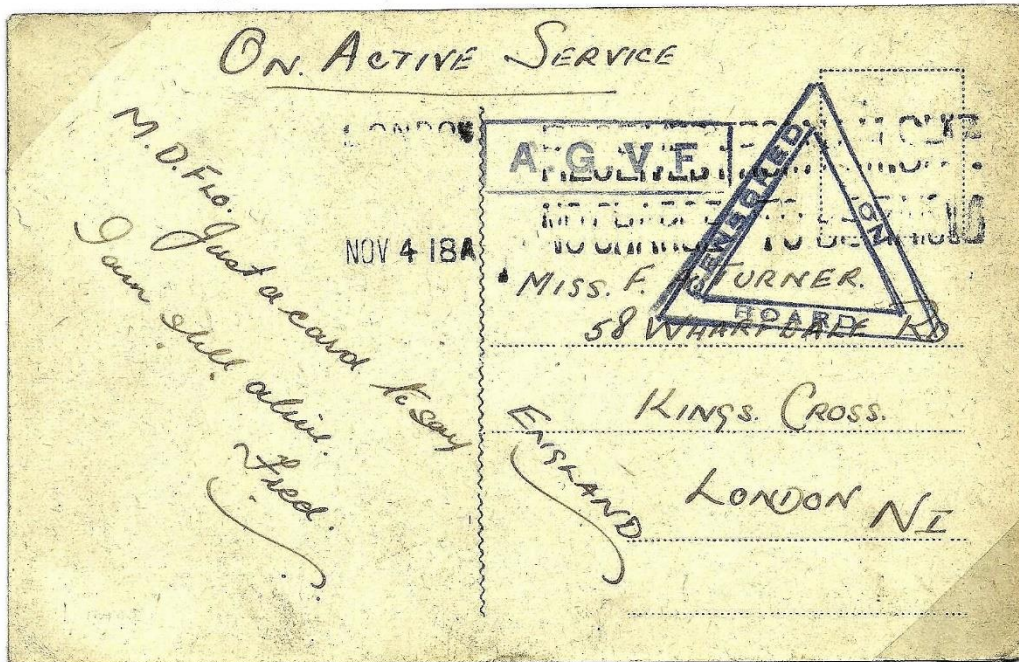
H. M. S. VINDEX

Royal Naval Air Service "mixed" aircraft carrier for seaplanes and land planes

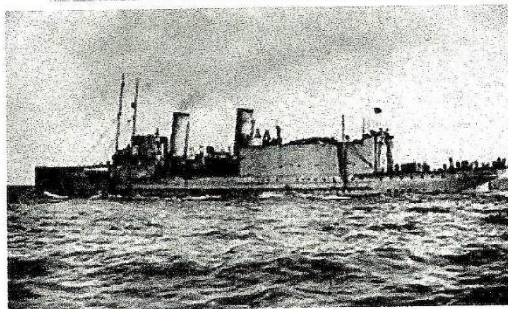
October 1918 Malta postcard sent "On Active Service" to LONDON.

Blue triangular CENSORED ON BOARD and boxed A. G. V. F.
A.G.V.French (MRCS 1909), the ship's doctor on H.M.S. Vindex, acted as censor.

RECEIVED FROM H. M. SHIPS/ NO CHARGE TO BE RAISED datestamp
applied on arrival in LONDON 4th November 1918.



H. M. S. VINDEX, formerly VIKING, was a passenger ferry for the Isle of Man Steam Packet, purchased in 1915 by the Admiralty and converted into a "mixed carrier" with a hangar aft for five seaplanes and a launching platform forward for two aircraft with wheel undercarriage. She was transferred from the North Sea to the Mediterranean in 1918.



Side view of HMS Vindex, showing the prominent seaplane hangar aft

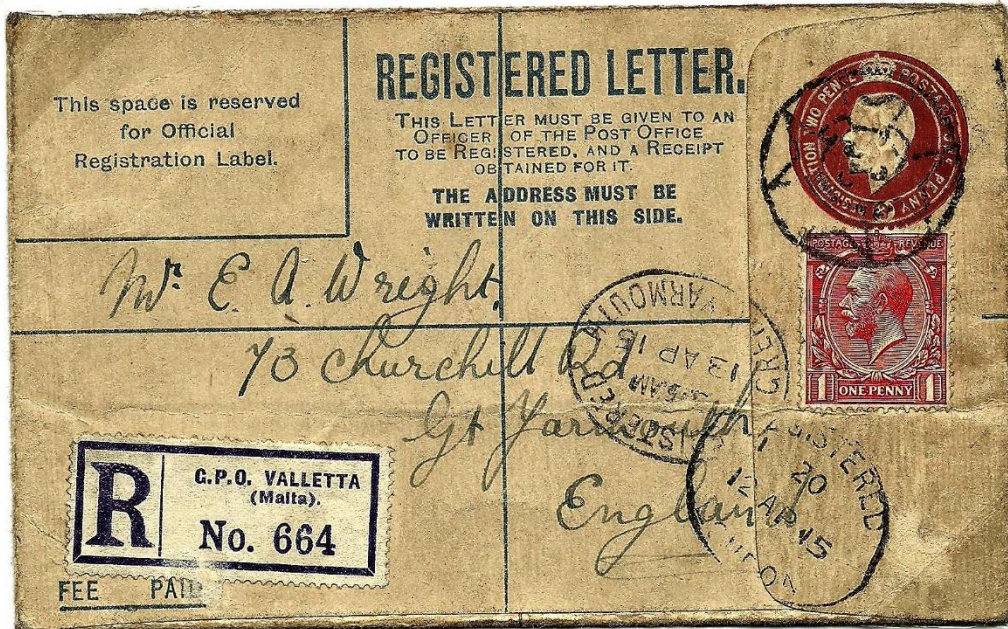
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H.M.S.FOLKESTONE

H.M.S.FOLKESTONE, a S.E. & Chatham Railway Packet, was commissioned as a Fleet Minesweeper, and arrived at MALTA 4 April 1915 en route to the Dardanelles.

Her captain Lt. Comdr. Henry Hardy was awarded the DSO for his command of the Trawler Flotilla in its minesweeping role.

April 1915 Great Britain registered envelope from MALTA to GREAT YARMOUTH uprated with GB 1d. red and strip of three Malta 1d. reds cancelled MALTA GPO-1.



On reverse, violet handstamps PASSED BY CENSOR and H.M.S.FOLKESTONE (Gould 1A 42)



WORLD WAR I

H.M.S. NEWMARKET

H.M.S. NEWMARKET, 833 tons, was a Great Eastern cargo vessel hired by the Admiralty in October 1914 as a minesweeper for the Mediterranean. She was torpedoed and sunk by UC38 in the Aegean on 17 July 1917.

November 1915 Malta postcard to COLCHESTER
PASSED BY CENSOR/H.M.S. NEWMARKET violet handstamp
Initials of A.V. Squire, Assistant Paymaster

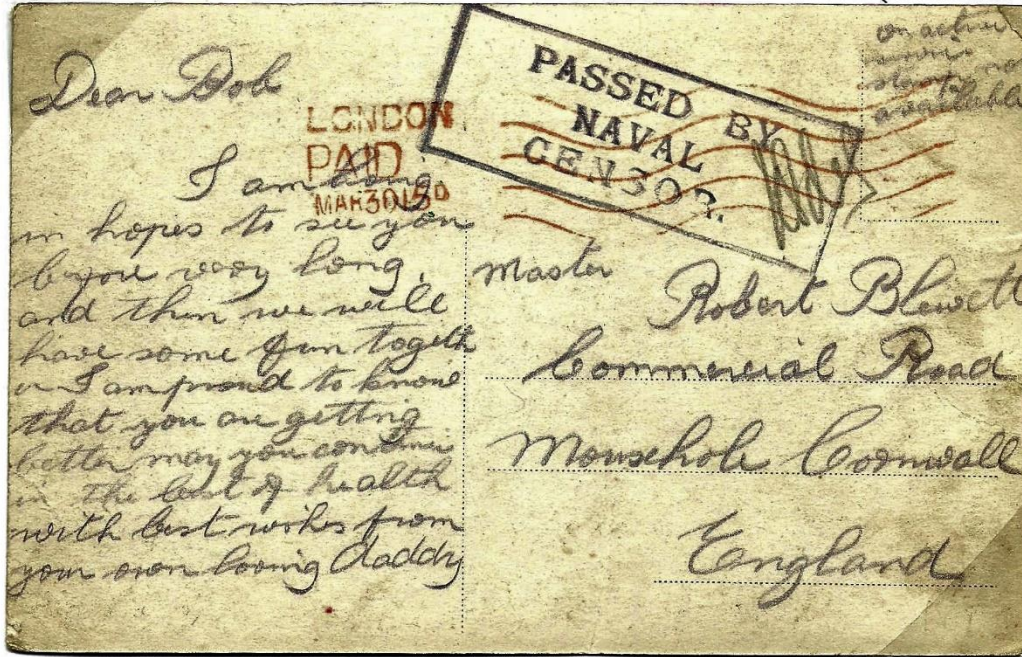


c.1916 cover from MALTA to a hospital nurse at AMBERT, France
GB two 1d. red (1/2d. overpaid) cancelled by Maltese Cross in circle at G.P.O.
Violet PASSED BY CENSOR handstamp cut down for security purposes.

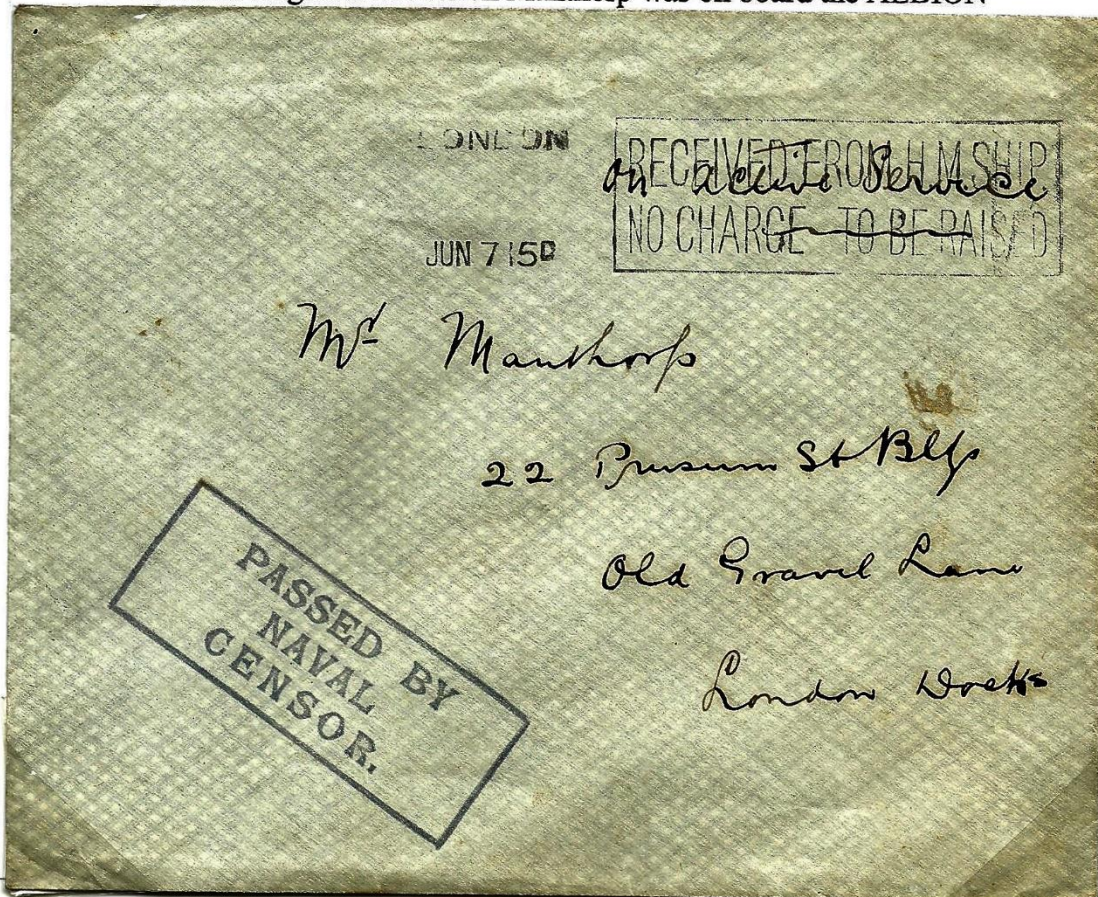
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H.M.S. ALBION

H.M.S. ALBION was a Canopus-class pre-Dreadnought battleship. She served in the Dardanelles campaign from early 1915. On 23 May she beached on a sandbank at GABA TEPE, but refloated with the aid of CANOPUS. She suffered damage from heavy fire from shore batteries and was forced to return to MALTA for repairs. March 1915 postcard of MALTA, probably sent from MUDROS, to CORNWALL Purple rectangular PASSED BY/NAVAL /CENSOR of the ALBION(Gould 5D 51)



Late May 1915 letter from MALTA to LONDON. Grey rectangular PASSED BY/NAVAL/CENSOR of the ALBION (Gould 5D 47) Artificer Engineer Frederick Manthorp was on board the ALBION



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H.M.S. PRINCE GEORGE

H.M.S. PRINCE GEORGE was a Majestic-class pre-Dreadnought battleship. She arrived in MALTA on 15 February 1915 and left on 26 February for the Dardanelles.

On 3 May she was hit below the waterline whilst firing on Turkish batteries and returned to MALTA for repairs, but was back in the Dardanelles by 12 July.

February 1915 letter from MALTA to BROMLEY, forwarded to SIDMOUTH.
Triangular violet PASSED/BY CENSOR applied on PRINCE GEORGE (Gould 8 A 20)



June 1915 letter from MALTA to DEVON. Violet CENSORED/W H M
Rev. William H. Moundrell, Chaplain on the PRINCE GEORGE



WORLD WAR I

H.M.S. DUBLIN

H.M.S. DUBLIN was a Town-class light cruiser which served in the Mediterranean from July 1913. In May 1915, she was sent to BRINDISI. Whilst taking part in a sweep off the Albanian coast, she was damaged by a torpedo from Austro-Hungarian submarine U-4 on 9 June 1915, managed to reach TARANTO for repairs, but was out of action for several months.

17 July 1915 On Active Service postcard from TARANTO to SLIEMA.

Purple boxed PASSED BY/ CENSOR (Gould 5C 43)

Bagged mail to MALTA, GPO-1 arrival cancel.



H.M.S. DUBLIN in dry dock at TARANTO

